## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment a new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is submitted.

Further, the claims are amended without prejudice to no longer recite any multiple dependencies. A new claim 8 is also submitted. Applicants submit no new matter is added.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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